

**City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**August 26, 2024**  
**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Meeting held virtually:

**Zoom link:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YoAP1S1aTXCALftdtmgrRA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YoAP1S1aTXCALftdtmgrRA)

Roll Call: Committee members

Nicholas Misukanis (*Ward 2*) - Chair  
Michael Angeloni (*Ward 5*)- Secretary  
Cynthia Totten (*Ward 4*)  
Deshundria Fortson (*Ward 1*)  
Lisvette Garcia (*Ward 1*)

Attending Council Liaison

Emily Strab (*Ward 2*)

**Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.**

- Approve August Agenda
  - MA motion, LV second
  - Approved unanimously
- Approve June 2024 Meeting Minutes
  - MA motion, DF second
  - Approved unanimously

Discussion:

- Open Meetings Act Training Reminder
- Follow up on Backpack Prep and Event – What to know for next year?
  - 500 backpacks given out and \$8k raised for supplies
  - MA - More social media presence and start planning and spreading the word earlier.
  - DF - Logistics – start on time and know when we need to be there and where. A bit disjointed in the beginning
  - ES – Pre-registering people while set up is happening so we can move people through the line more quickly
  - LG – Agree with ES, would make things much faster.
  - CC – pre-registration before the event.
  - LG – Reach out to schools before school year ends to send out form and to find out how many students we can be expecting.
  - NM – Fantastic number of volunteers. Is there a way to keeping in touch with volunteers to keep them active in the city moving forward?
  - NM – pre-registration form in Spanish would be extremely helpful.
- October's Principal Luncheon?
  - Select date

- Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Send invitations
  - NM will do
- Plan logistics
  - DF - Let them know about the education grant and things we do for the community and ideas of what they can do and ask what they need support on.
  - NM – General luncheon and break into smaller groups so that time does not get monopolized.
  - MA – Will Rosa Parks be invited?
    - NM said they will as they have a large population of Hyattsville students.
  - 90 minutes for lunch and small groups and 30 minutes for discussion.
  - **11am-1pm** with potential for wiggle room to adjust as needed.
  - ES – Not sure what the goals were of the event before it went on a hiatus.
  - CT – Open space for principals to express what their concerns are. Not super structured or formal.
  - ES will reach out to Dan Peabody who should have a good sense of what it was like historically.
  - ES – Invite Chief of Police to attend to talk safety? Want to focus on outreach and how specifically the committee can help them.
  - CT – agreed and especially with how busy the principles are not sure if we can provide a more structured framework and think through what we can specifically offer.
  - NM, MA, and DF to assist in taking lead on topics, plan, etc.
  - CT asked who all we are inviting other than the principals and if we can open it up a bit as principals are busy so may not be able to get many of them.
    - ES - Perhaps invite parent engagement person.
    - MA – if principal can't come have a backup to come in their place.
  - Need to get invitations out in September.
    - **September 13** deadline
  - NM would like to invite Pamela Boozer Strother from the school board to attend
    - Committee agreed
  - CT – We should connect with the youth advisory committee on this about what the students are thinking and issues they are seeing on the ground.
    - Do not need to necessarily be invited to this specific event.
  - CL (participant) noted there is a student representative for the board of education and perhaps should be invited to a future event.
- Update about any future initiatives and ideas.
  - None at this time.
- In-person meetings?
  - MA – open to it but depends on the day of the week and time.
  - CT – Maybe once a quarter to see how it works and not be too difficult.
  - DF – Agree with once a quarter.
  - CT – motion to meet once a quarter and DF second.

- Unanimously approved.
- Next meeting (September 23) will be moved tentatively to in person on September 30.
  - Subject to change if a quorum is not possible.

\*Education Facilities Commission wants to meet with Committee about teacher appreciation campaign.

- Approve August Minutes

- MA motion to approve, DF second
- Unanimously approved

-Public comment?

- None

-Move to adjourn?

- LV motion and DF second
- Unanimous approval
- Adjourned at 7:29 pm